

Hot Spots of the Cold War

Event	Berlin Airlift 1948-1949	Korean War 1950-1953	Cuban Missile Crisis 1962
People Involved	US & Britain vs the Soviet Union	China and North Korea v. South Korea and UN forces led by the USA	US and USSR (Kennedy & Khrushchev)
Cause	The Soviet Union blockaded West Berlin in an attempt to force allies out of East Germany	North Korea invaded South Korea, who asked the UN to intervene China supported the Communist north	Soviets wanted to put missiles in Cuba in order to have a launch site against the USA
Outcome	<i>Operation Vittles</i> Allies flew in supplies for 324 days (every 8 minutes) and the Soviets backed down	Cease fire and partition at the 38 th parallel Korean remained divided and South Korea was protected from a communist takeover	Kennedy would not give in and the Soviets backed down, dismantled sites, and withdrew missiles

Event	Space Race 1957-1969	Vietnam 1964-1973	Afghanistan 1979-1989
People Involved	US and USSR	France China and North Vietnam v. South Vietnam & USA	USSR and Afghan rebels (supported by USA)
Cause	A race to develop the technology to develop ballistic defensive and offensive weapons, control the moon, and explore space	France: Vietnamese sought independence and France eventually withdrew in dismay N. Vietnamese communists tried to take over S. Vietnam US supported the south	The USSR invaded Afghanistan to stop a Muslim revolt against the communist regime there USA supported rebels, including Osama bin Laden
Outcome	The Soviets launched <i>Sputnik</i> , an artificial satellite, but the USA had the first manned lunar landing Lots of spin-off technology was developed (teflon, plastics, etc.)	Considered an immoral war by many Guerilla fighting US withdrew, north invaded the south and united Vietnam as a communist country	Soviets became embedded in a 10-year guerilla war and finally withdrew